Modernizing the Warrior through Army Transformation:

Objective Force Warrior (OFW) is the Army's flagship Science and Technology initiative to develop and demonstrate revolutionary capabilities for the Objective Force Soldier. A human-centric, integrated system of systems approach is being employed to support the Army transformation into a soldier centric force. The OFW is a major pillar of the Objective Force Strategy, complementing the Future Combat System (FCS) and other Objective Force programs.

OFW seeks to create a lightweight overwhelmingly lethal, fully integrated combat system including head to toe individual protection, ad-hoc networking, soldier worn power sources, and enhanced human performance. The program is aimed at providing unsurpassed individual and small team lethality, survivability, communications and responsiveness — a formidable warrior in an invincible team. OFW will be fully integrated with FCS and other Objective Force platforms.

LETHALITY:

Vision: OFW family of lightweight weapons with advanced fire control, optimized for urban combat, synchronized direct fire and indirect fire within and across OFW teams, and leveraging FCS fires.

SURVIVABILITY:

Vision: Ultra-lightweight, low bulk, multi-functional, full spectrum protective combat ensemble. Ballistic protection, novel signature management, semi-permeable membrane for CB/wet protection, electrotextile power/data body LAN. On-board physiological/medical sensor suite with enhanced casualty care. Customized voice, tactile, visual and auditory human interface, with integrated laser eye protection.

NETWORKING COMMUNICATIONS/COLLABORATIVE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS (NC/CSA):

Vision: Netted OFW small unit/teams with robust team communications, state-of-the-art distributed and fused (thermal and image intensification) sensors, organic tactical intelligence/collection assets, enhanced situational understanding, embedded training, on-the-move planning, and linkage to other Objective Force assets.

MOBILITY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE:

Vision: Unconstrained vertical and lateral movement at full up combat/assault capability during mission execution. Objective individual soldier load weight of 40 pounds by introduction of lighter weight, multifunctional materials throughout all facets of the combat ensemble and offloading onto robotic Mules. Optimized cognitive and physical fightability.

POWER:

Vision: 24 hours autonomous individual operation, high density, low weight/volume, self generating/re-generating, reliable, safe power source/system. 72 hours continous team operations relying on the Mule for recharging/fuel replacement.



